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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: H. D. Gibbs
MAKOTO FUJIMOTO)
: Group Art Unit: 2622
Application No.: 09/631,126)
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For: LIGHT-SCANNING OPTICAL)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Notice Of Allowance issued in the above-identified application on January 13, 2004. The issue fee has not yet been paid, and a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently herewith.

Preliminary to continued examination, please amend the above-identified application in the following manner. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing beginning on page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 17.

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